

Letters to the editor

Demolition of GHS:

I am writing concerning the upcoming demolition of the Galion High School. I have just read the article of the prepared statement from the Galion board of education and I find it very disturbing. They seem to believe that everyone who has signed these petitions have done so based on emotions and not facts. The Web site petition I signed has covered everything to make an informed decision on this subject that they must not have read. I understand that they have to first offer at public auction to sell the building so why don't they, because it also says they can accept or reject that price.

Among the facts they list:

- (1) utilities, liability, maintenance — if sold those things are no longer an issue
- (2) 76 percent demolition paid for — this would no longer be an issue because it would not happen
- (3) money set aside — this money could be used for other things at the Galion schools
- (4) abandoned building — it would not be abandoned but, a vibrant part of the community that surrounding cities have also expressed a desire to make use of as it is centrally located.

It seems to me that GBE is doing the "easy" thing by just tearing it down before the OFC monies are no longer available. And they are turning a deaf ear to the people of Galion. They could be saving money by not tearing down this historical landmark. They can respect the past, live in the present and plan for the future of the generations to come. But they also have the potential of leaving the legacy that they were a part of saving an historical landmark in the city of Galion, Ohio, rather than one that made the decision to demolish it.

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An Ode To Galion High

A long, long time ago in my hometown,
A school was needed, but they had no ground.
City leaders searched the town all over,
But found nothing suitable for what it would cover.
The only suitable place that they could find,
Was the cemetery, if those living didn't mind.
A vote was needed, a special one cast,
And by a majority, of course it was passed.
Now what to do with those souls interred,
For everyone knows they should not be disturbed.
The choice was made, the graves would be moved,
To a much better place that the leaders approved.
But what should they do with those unmarked souls,
Leave them behind and continue to toll.
The building erected, a glorious place,
To meet and greet all, with a shiny new face.
Graduates of all fields, many there were.
And now the memory is but a blur.
Our school has made us what we are,
Thanks to the teachers from near and far.
So with heavy hearts, tears and fears,
Our school will soon vanish and disappear.
But those memories we carry, will never be lost,
Farewell Galion High, torn down due to cost.

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